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WAIS Inc. Announces WAISgate II: Makes Building Web-Based Search Systems Simple and Fast

SAN JOSE, Calif. April 10, 1995 -- Wide Area Information Servers (WAIS), Inc. based in San Francisco, Calif. today announced WAISgate II, an improved gateway between a World Wide Web server and WAIS databases located on the same machine or anywhere on a wide area network.

WAIS is offering WAISgate II as a component of the WAISserver 2.0 publishing platform. "Integrating full-text search across multiple databases, in multiple locations, and from multiple vendors has been a driving part of the WAIS vision", said Bruce Gilliat, Vice President of Sales and Marketing at WAIS Inc. "With WAISgate II, anyone familiar with HTML can design search systems that automatically integrate material from these search servers into the World Wide Web.

WAISgate II works in conjunction with WWW servers and can access any WAIS database, whether from WAIS Inc., Fulcrum or the many versions of WAIS-compatible servers distributed as freeware over the Internet.

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With WAISgate II accessing WAIS services is as easy as writing HTML. Web designers can specify WAIS databases they wish to search and assign search criteria, such as field attributes, to the search. WAISgate II creates the appropriate query, initiating a WAIS search and returning the results for display within an HTML template automatically. A major benefit is that managers of WWW sites will not be required to write custom PERL to integrate searching with their WWW server.

By working from within HTML, forms designers have the greatest flexibility in creating custom database front ends. In addition, WAISgate II allows the designer to create custom HTML templates for the display of search results and documents from the database.

WAISgate II is fast -- local WAIS databases are searched directly from WAISgate II, improving the speed at which users receive the results of their search. WAISgate II allows searching of local and remote databases. WAISgate II can automatically activate WAIS' Z39.50 protocol to search multiple, geographically dispersed, databases in a single search when required.

"WAISgate II makes it simple to integrate full text search into any web site", said Brewster Kahle, President of WAIS Inc. "Our experience building online services for commercial customers such as CMP Publications has made it possible for us to seamlessly integrate text search into the World Wide Web."

For an online demo of WAISgate II, contact <http://www.wais.com/waisgate.html>. All qualifying WAISserver customers will be upgraded to WAISgate II at no charge. WAISserver pricing begins at \$15,000. Additional pricing and configuration information is available from WAIS Inc.

Founded in 1992 by Internet pioneer Brewster Kahle, WAIS Inc. is headquartered in San Francisco, California, and is a privately held

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company. WAIS Inc. provides products and services for organizations who wish to deliver information over Internet.

WAISserver (tm) is the leading publishing system in the Internet industry. Using WAISserver, organizations such as Dow Jones, Novell, CMP Publications, and Encyclopaedia Britannica have given Internet users access to books, magazines, news, product data sheets, technical overviews, company information, and more. WAISserver allows content providers to index and publish large databases to the Internet, where they can be searched from around the world.

WAIS Production Services create turnkey, Internet-based services using WAISserver(tm) as the core technology. WAISserver automatically creates HTML documents on the fly as it indexes content databases. In addition to implementing WAISserver technology, WAIS Production Services can integrate custom modules for:

- User registration and feedback
- Transaction-based and subscription-based billing
- Personalized invoicing for online shopping
- Archived searching for back issues
- Automatic content expiration
- New content alerting

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